

Attorney Docket No.: 66-12424

Claim Amendments

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1(Twice Amended). [A gate valve for controlling the flow of fluid through]
In combination with a component [having] which comprises an elongated body
and a fluid flow passage that extends generally longitudinally through the body
and includes at least a lateral first branch [and] connected to a longitudinal
second branch, [the] a gate valve comprising:

a gate cavity which is formed in the body and which communicates
with both the first branch and the second branch;

a gate which is movably positioned in the gate cavity and which
includes a first flow port that is connected to a second flow port; and

means for actuating the gate between an open position, in which
the first flow port is aligned with the first branch and the second flow port is in
communication with the second branch, and a closed position, in which the first
flow port is offset from the first branch;

wherein the gate further comprises a generally flat face which is
adapted to seal the first branch from the gate cavity when the gate is in the
closed position to thereby prevent the fluid from flowing between the first branch
and the gate cavity; and

wherein the actuating means is disposed at least partially within a
conduit that extends generally longitudinally through the body from the gate
cavity.

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